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FOR PARKER AND DUBS FROM SAXBE

E.O. 11652: RES
TAGS: EAID, IN, US
SUBJ: AID FOR INDIA

REF: STATE 222992

1. ON MY RETURN TO NEW DELHI THIS WEEK I FOUND YOUR MESSAGE FOR WHICH I AM MOST GRATEFUL. I BELIEVE THE COURSE OF ACTION YOU SET FORTH IN PARA 5 IS QUITE CONSTRUCTIVE. AS A FIRST STEP THE EMBASSY IS SENDING IN AIDAC CHANNELS OUR THOUGHTS ON THE CONTENT AND FORM OF POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. WE HOPE WE MAY HAVE YOUR REACTION QUITE PROMPTLY AS WE AGREE WE SHOULD RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US BY THE TIME CHAVAN AND M.G. KAUL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY OCTOBER. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD START RIGHT AWAY TALKING VERY INFORMALLY WITH THE INDIANS HERE ABOUT POSSIBLE PROGRAM CONTENT AS THIS MAY BE USEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY AND AID/WASHINGTON TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS IDEAS IN CASE THIS SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED WITH THE INDIANS IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 6-7.

2. WE WILL ALSO REQUIRE GUIDANCE REGARDING THE ULTIMATE PROSPECTS FOR AN AID PROGRAM FOR INDIA. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE APPROPRIATION? WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE HARKIN AMENDMENT IF
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IT IS INCLUDED I CCIW#FINAL LEGISLATION?

(WE ARE UNCERTAIN
WHETHER THE GOI WOULD ACCEPT AID UNDER THE
WAIVE ROUTE.) WE WILL WANT TO WEIGH THE ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS SUCH AS THESE CAREFULLY BEFORE GOING TOO FAR
WITH THE INDIANS.
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